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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all of the claims in this application, namely Claims 1.6, and replace by the following new claims:

An optical communication system for transmitting soliton or soliton-

like pulses, comprising:

a transmitter;

a receiver; and

an optical path between the transmitter and the receiver,

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